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**STATUS INQUIRY**

The above application was filed on December 10, 2003. A Notice of Publication of Application, a Notice of Recordation of Assignment Document and a Filing Receipt have been received in the above application. Since then, applicants have not received any Official Action from the Patent Office. Inquiry is made as to when an Action will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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